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5). This response is filed within the one month shortened statutory period. Applicants therefore believe this response is timely filed and no fees are due. In the event any fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

REMARKS

The Examiner has imposed a species election requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Species A, embodied in Figures 1-10, and Species B, embodied in Figures 11-14. Applicants hereby elect Species A for initial prosecution on the merits without intending to abandon or to dedicate to the public any patentable subject matter. Claims readable on the elected species A are Claims 1-12 as filed with the specification on 20 December 2001.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone